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COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES NOISE STUDY UPDATE FOR GENERAL MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

County Board poised to send report to FAA next month

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Board’s Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee this morning voted 7-0 to approve a Federal Aviation Regulation Part 150 Noise Study Update to reduce aircraft-generated noise levels affecting residents living near General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA).

“I thank my colleagues on the Transportation, Public Works and Transit (TPWT) Committee for recognizing the importance of maximizing participation in the Residential Noise Mitigation Program,” said Supervisor Richard D. Nyklewicz, Jr., a member of the TPWT Committee whose district includes GMIA. “I’m optimistic that the full County Board will forward these recommendations on to the FAA next month.”

The County Board will consider the Noise Study Update at its next meeting on February 7th. If adopted, the FAA will then have 180 days to approve or disapprove the recommendations. Approved recommendations are eligible for federal funding.

“It is my hope that the FAA will approve these new boundaries to protect additional homes,” Supervisor Nyklewicz said. “This update has been four years in the making and is based on the recommendations from the Airport Noise Advisory Committee, as well as what we heard from residents during a public hearing and a series of public information workshops held in 2007.”

“I appreciate the diligence and hard work put in by members of the Advisory Committee,” Supervisor Patricia Jursik added. “I commend them for taking the time to make thoughtful recommendations after hearing concerns from residents living in neighborhoods near the airport.”

The study update continues a program started in 1992 to expand the largest noise contours and square-off the eligibility boundaries.

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